

## "I'LL HAVE MY RIGHT OR DIE,"--STYER

### GIRL AND LOVER BOTH PLANNED FOR ELOPEMENT

**They Had Been Engaged Three Years  
---Trouble During Last July  
SLAYER LEFT NOTE TO HIS MOTHER**

**Sensational Feature of Styer-Wheaton Tragedy Revealed  
by the Other Side---Wheatons Opposed in  
Spite of Girl's Love**

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"Dear Mother: I find that this trouble is wearing very hard on me. I am going out tonight to try to take her away from her home. Her folks are trying to force us to separate. I shall do my duty by her. If I do not return you will know I died fighting for my rights.  
"Mother, do not worry, for I know you would be ashamed of me if I did not do this at this stage of the game. I am going to have my rights on the line. Her letters in my suit case will prove that her folks have been forcing her and it is my duty to step in.  
"If I do not see you again, dear, we will meet in heaven, for God knows all, and knows I am not to blame.  
"Your son,  
"M. L. ...."

Mathias Styer left the above letter addressed to his mother, in his room before departing New Year's night for the Wheaton farm. The desperate frame of mind is shown in the epistle.

That Pearl Wheaton and Styer had planned an elopement for the night on which the murder and suicide was committed and that opposition on the part of his sweetheart's relatives who attempted to bar his entrance to the Wheaton home made a raving maniac of him and prompted the terrible tragedy, an investigation conducted by Styer's brother, Z. E. Styer, shows to be facts.

Some thirty letters now in the possession of the Styers, left in the dead boy's suit case, show the love that the young people bore each other, and other circumstances show that an elopement had been planned for the night of the quadruple tragedy.

According to the story told the Tribune by Z. E. Styer, this afternoon his brother and Pearl Wheaton had been engaged for three years. No opposition was manifested by the Wheatons to the alliance until an unfortunate affair of last summer. Matt Styer had always borne a good reputation in the village and surrounding country and at the Minnesota university was known as a student of great ability. But after the occurrence of last summer he was placed under the ban of the Wheaton family and great opposition to his suit developed.

Styer refused to desert the girl under any circumstances and they secretly corresponded up to the day of the murder and suicide. A young man residing near the Wheaton farm who was a friend of both, acted as secret messenger in carrying their letters back and forth. The dead boy's brother now has 30 of these letters, all showing the great love the young people bore each other and indicating that while Miss Pearl was being urged to give up her suit she clung to her lover and was willing to take any steps looking to their marriage and happiness.

Mr. Styer claims that his brother came home for the Christmas holidays in a desperate frame of mind and vowed he would make Pearl his wife come what may. Repeated efforts were made to see her, but he

was forbidden the house and then strategic moves were decided upon and the elopement planned as a last resort.

The girl, it is claimed, when the night upon which they had planned to elope arrived, refused to go to bed, claiming she could not sleep and walked back and forth in the kitchen in a nervous manner. She was constantly watched, however, and there was no opportunity for her to get out of the house.

Matt was expecting her to meet him on a certain road and was seen watching for her to come for a long time, but when she failed to put in an appearance he planned to take her by force.

The tragedy followed substantially as printed in the Tribune last night. The girl's sister Ruth, backed up by her mother, met him at the door and by force of arms attempted to keep him from the house. Enraged by the opposition he became a raving maniac and the terrible crime followed.

This in brief, is the story told by the dead man's brother and the facts are substantiated by letters and other evidence which he has collected since Monday night.

The funeral of Matt Styer will be held tomorrow and interment will be made in the village cemetery at Caladonia.

Ruth Wheaton is reported today to have developed pneumonia and her condition from this disease is more serious than are the wounds.

Mrs. Wheaton is on the road to recovery and will soon be able to be about.

### BAN ON FOOTBALL AT MARINETTE

MARINETTE, Wis., Jan. 4.—The Marinette school board abolished football from the schools. A resolution was adopted reciting that inter-scholastic football is dangerous to life and limb, but is not conducive to moral uplifting of the members of the team.

WANTED—Second hand roll-top desk in good condition. Address J. A. K.

### ESCH WANTS APPOINTM'T FROM PRES.

**Congressman Seeks  
Commerce Comm.**

Seventh district politics contain many interesting stories these days. It is rumored in La Crosse and other places, where Congressman John J. Esch has intimate friends, that the present congressman from the Seventh has ambitions of more than congressional scope, and that he will be a candidate for the next vacant place on the interstate commerce commission. It is said that Congressman Esch has almost abandoned hope of ever being United States senator from Wisconsin, but if he does not land the position on the interstate commerce commission, if the field should be open in 1909, with some promise of election, he may enter the senatorial contest. Mr. Esch is figuring now on the federal appointment to advance his ambition more than on a seat in the senate. Mr. Esch feels that he has a call for recognition for an appointment on the commission because of his firm support of the railroad policy of President Roosevelt in the lower house of congress and because of his intimate acquaintance with the railroad subjects, with which he has been brought in close touch through his aid in framing the Esch-Townsend bill. If Esch should retire from congress it would precipitate a lively scrap in the Seventh district.

### COURT MARTIAL STILL CONTINUES

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 4.—The court martial today began the trial of W. W. Foster, Indiana, accused of hazing C. S. Roberts of Joliet, Ill. It is alleged Foster made Roberts eat under the table, stand on his head, suspend himself from a locker and obey various commands of upper classmen.

### DEPEW DOESN'T WANT ANYONE TO THINK HE'LL RESIGN

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Depew this morning said he was misunderstood in his statement about retiring from the directorate of his companies. He purposes to remain with the Vanderbilt lines, which position is mostly honorary and which will not prevent his devoting his full attention to the senate.

### PATRICK MUST HANG JANUARY 21ST.

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The governor refused to interfere with the hanging of Albert T. Patrick which is set for Jan. 21st.

### CRONON AND SISSON IN WAR

A coolness which has existed for some time past between Edward Cronon and O. S. Sisson, two members of the soldiers' relief commission, came to a crisis at the regular monthly meeting of the board Tuesday, when the two veterans of the civil war nearly came to blows before a number of widows of old soldiers on their indigent relief list.

Details of the affair are related by those present but the direct causes which led up to the interchange of compliments are not a matter of common knowledge.

The climax came after a heated discussion over the question as to who was to act as secretary of the commission and retain the books. "I'll slap your face," is the remark accredited to Mr. Cronon, while Mr. Sisson is alleged to have replied, "If you do I'll wipe the floor with you." A flag of truce was raised, however, and matters were temporarily adjusted.

### HOUSKA WANTS A NEW WELL DUG

Alderman Houska, chairman of the committee on water, will introduce at the next meeting of the council a resolution providing for the installation of a new artesian well at the pumping station.

The old casing and piping is in such condition that considerable surface water is allowed to mix with the artesian water and at present citizens who patronize the street fountains are getting little real artesian water.

It has been suggested that a new casing might be built around the old one so as to prevent surface water finding its way into the artesian overflow, but this it is believed would be nearly as expensive as drilling an entirely new well, which can be done for about \$1,200.

A new well will in all probability be drilled and water drinkers of La Crosse will again be able to imbibe of real iron tinted artesian water such as they have not enjoyed for a couple of years back. The water flowing from the fountains now is good, but it is not the real article by a long ways.

### \$50,000 WORTH OF HORSES KILLED BY OFFICIALS

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 4.—An epidemic of glanders caused the official killing of \$50,000 worth of horses in the last two months, about one-third of the horses in this city.

### EARTHQUAKE IN NICARAGUA

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Arthur O. Wallace, consul at Managua, Nicaragua, reports an earthquake destroyed half of the town of Masaya. The volcano Sandago is in eruption.

Albert Callahan left last night for Chicago where he will resume his studies at the Northwestern Medical school.

### DOWN THE AISLE ARM IN ARM GO BOB AND JOHN

### RUSSIAN TROUBLES BAD AS EVER

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 4.—A courier from Riga brings dispatches dated January 2 saying 5,000 armed workmen took possession of the Provodnik rubber factory before daylight and the military, as the courier was dispatched was bombarding the plant. The revolutionists killed one policeman who was guarding the building. A detachment crept into an adjoining structure where a patrol of dragons was sleeping and murdered eight soldiers and six stablemen and injured eleven others. One escaped and alarmed the troops. Two regiments with artillery of six quick firing guns reached the scene by daybreak. In the meantime barricades were erected. Many were killed, but the troops were unable to ascertain how many. A later dispatch from Copenhagen says the workmen have surrendered and delivered their leaders to the commander of the troops. A court martial has been ordered.

**Witte Relieves Jews.**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 4.—Receiving a delegation of Jews, Witte told them the money collected in England and America for the relief of the Jews was used in the armed rebellion. The delegation denied Witte warned the Jews to refrain from agitating and avoid the revolutionists. The uprising in the Baltic is believed to be thoroughly crushed.

### STORE ROBBED OF \$15,000 IN IND.

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
SHALE, Ind., Jan. 4.—The safe in J. H. Albaugh's store was robbed last night and \$15,000 in bonds and cash was stolen.  
**Loot Totalled \$15,000.**  
The robbers captured Charles Taylor, the only citizen awake, and locked him up until this morning. Just \$12,500 government bonds and \$2,500 cash was stolen.

Kaukama—Isaac Wheeler of Anoka committed suicide at the depot in that village by taking carbolic acid when his wife was about to leave him after domestic trouble.

### PROPERTY OWNERS MUST CLEAN WALKS If Ice Ridges are Left in Center the City Will Charge Full Price

Snow and ice ridges left in the middle of sidewalks by property owners will be condemned by the board of public works and cleaned away at the expense of property owners the same as if the sidewalk had not been cleaned at all, according to a ruling made this morning by the board of public works.  
"This provision is incorporated in the ordinance compelling property owners to clean snow from walks 24 hours after it stops falling, but on rare occasions have we seen fit to enforce it," said Commissioner Falk. "This last snow is just the sort that compels the strict enforcement of all the provisions of the ordinance. It was an extremely wet snow and was packed down in the middle of the sidewalk by pedestrians' feet until when the loose snow was cleared, away this morning a high ridge of snow so hard and slippery that it is almost impossible to walk on. Many of the property owners have already cleaned away these ridges with iron shovels and picks, we are pleased to notice that hundreds on the other hand have left the ridges, a menace to life and limb and a clear violation of the city ordinance. The city will be held responsible if any persons are injured by falling on these slippery ridges and we have decided to enforce the ordinance to the letter."

### Spectacle in Senate This Morning

ENEMIES SMILE BLANDLY

Neither had Spoken to the Other in Years, but All Was Well

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Senator Spooner to whom he had not spoken in years, R. M. La Follette took his oath of office this morning and became a member of the senate. The leaders of the Wisconsin republican factions walked down the aisle with arms linked and faces smiling, apparently the best of friends.

**Hepburn's Rate Bill.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Hepburn introduced his railroad rate regulation bill long advertised. It is almost identical with the Dooliver bill. It defines the term transportation to include all kinds of cars, and provides for power for the interstate commerce commission to substitute a just rate for one, after investigation, found unjust.

**Spooner Squashes Tillman.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Tillman offered a resolution asking the president to inform the senate the exact status of the Santo Domingo situation. Spooner objected and it was laid over. A joint resolution was introduced in the house, directing Post to negotiate with the powers for neutralization of the Philippines and to place on the same grounds upon which Switzerland maintains her independence.

Mrs. J. J. Dalton of Madison, S. D., is here on a visit with her children.



# PRINTERS HOLD "8-HOUR" BALL

Following closely upon the announcement that the printers have won their fight for an eight hour day in La Crosse, Printers Union No. 448 has issued advertising matter for an "eight-hour mask ball" to be given at Germania hall Saturday evening, January 13. This establishes a precedent for union dances in La Crosse and the coming affair was the principal topic of conversation in union circles today.

Union men will watch the outcome of the eight-hour ball of the printers

with interest and if successful it will no doubt be an incentive for other branches of organized labor here to give similar affairs.

It has been suggested that inasmuch as the printers will be working overtime on the night of the ball they ought to get price and a half but the typos have wisely decided to keep the prices down to an ordinary schedule so that everybody can attend. It will be in the nature of a celebration of the recent concession granted by employers of the city and will no doubt be a big affair.

## North Side News

Branch Office 532 Mill Street

Old Phone 9124

H. W. SINGER, Mgr.

## CLUB TO GRILL POLICE FORCE

Tonight, the Franklin club will debate the question, "Resolved, that the La Crosse police force is properly vigilant in enforcing the laws and ordinances of this city."

The affirmative will be represented by Otto Boshard, Thos. Morris and P. W. Mahoney and the negative by A. E. Bleckman, Jr., H. L. Taylor and Geo. B. Marvin, Jr.

## HORSES FALL INTO RIVER THROUGH ICE

A team being driven by Abe Gunn across the sloughs near Rice Lake yesterday, broke through the ice and floundered around in the water for about two and one half hours before they could be rescued. Ropes were tied to the horses' legs so that they could be raised to the surface, and the shoes, which were worn so that the horses could not gain a bearing

## WIVES OF ENGIN- EERS ELECT

The ladies' auxiliary to the B. of L. E. held their annual installation of officers last evening in the Roberge hall at the corner of Caledonia and St. Paul streets.

The officers for this year are:  
President—Mrs. Robert Taylor.  
Vice president—Mrs. Will. Blanchett.

Treasurer—Mrs. Emma Fidler.  
Secretary—Mrs. Ed. Colton.  
Guide—Mrs. Blanche Watson.  
Chaplain—Mrs. Nellie Sillaway.  
Sentinel—Mrs. John Argall.  
Pianist—Mrs. Harry Colton.  
Insurance agent—Mrs. A. Miller.  
Installer of officers—Mrs. J. T. Gorman.

After the installation of officers the families of the members were served at a banquet.

## PASTOR'S VOICE GIVES OUT

Because a heavy cold has interfered with Rev. Wentworth's voice, the nightly meetings planned at the Caledonia street Methodist church have been cancelled. Rev. Wentworth can scarcely speak above a whisper.

Tonight the official board will meet in the church as usual at the usual hour.

## OLD MILL OFFICE MOVED AWAY

The old McDonald lumber office which had been near the site of the mill on upper Rose street for many years is being moved today to the Riverside box factory, a few blocks north, where it will be used for an office by that company.

Four teams were hitched to some runners which were put under it and it will be drawn to the new site if possible.

## NORTH SIDE GRAND ARMY INSTALLATION

The joint installation of John Flynn post G. A. R. and W. R. C. was held Tuesday night at the hall on Clinton and Caledonia streets at which the following officers were installed.

The G. A. R. officers are:  
Commander—Gilbert Jenks.  
Senior vice—Albert Allen.  
Junior vice—Chas. Ford.  
Chaplain—C. W. Smith.  
Sergeant—Ole Brown.  
Sergeant major—Henry Beckwith.  
Officer of the guard—J. H. Yarrington.  
Adjutant—John McCann.  
Quartermaster sergeant—Daniel Spencer.

The W. A. C. officers were installed as follows:

President—Helen Frost.  
Senior vice president—Libbie McCabe.  
Junior vice president—Elizabeth Davis.  
Treasurer—Caroline McCann.  
Conductor—Anna Allen.  
Assistant conductor—Amelia Davis.  
Secretary—Minnie Sha.  
Chaplain—Felda Jenks.  
Guard—Kate Wells.  
Assistant guard—Viola Barron.  
Color bearers—Hattie Spencer, Marie Spencer, Helen Brown, Minnie Stevenson.  
Patriotic instructor—Mary Wolcott.

## NORTH SIDE BRIEFS

No. 49 on the Burlington arrived at Grand Crossing nearly two hours late today.

Charles Miller has returned to Madison after a few days' visit on the north side during the holidays.

The Sioux won two out of three games played last evening with the Winnebagoes at the Combination alleys. Tonight the Monitors will play with the Cherokees.

Thomas Allen has accepted a position as night fireman at the Wisconsin Lighting and Power Plant.

Phone 9124 and subscribe for the Tribune. Let us know when you do not get it.

Harry Gifford, messenger in the employ of the North American who was stricken ill very suddenly some time ago while about to deliver a message is able to resume his duties again.

Rev. W. J. Turner of the North Presbyterian church has gone to Bangor where he will spend a few days.

E. H. Colton, engineer on the Milwaukee, is taking a short layoff.

William Blanchett, engineer on the Burlington road, is ill.

Mrs. F. C. Lampman of 1027 Rose street has returned from a few days' visit at Minneapolis.

Frank Lawreson is ill with la grip.

A snow plow has been put on No. 391 of the Milwaukee road.

A box car tipped over near the Allen hotel last evening. It is thought that the switch was either blocked with snow or frozen so that the car was derailed and tipped over. No damage was done.

All freight trains on the Southern Minnesota division have been abandoned and all passenger trains are now running double headers.

No. 55 on the Milwaukee was only 15 minutes late this morning.

Mr. Fischbach has a crew of men busy clearing the snow from the switches in the north side yards.

## THE MARKETS

(A. J. Cummings, Com. Co.)  
Livestock Close.  
Chicago, Jan. 4.—Close on livestock, hogs mostly ten higher. Light, 5.00 to 5.30; mixed, 5.10 to 5.35; heavy, 5.05 to 5.35; rough, 5.05 to 5.15. Cattle and sheep steady.

**WHOLESALE PRICES.**  
**Fruits.**  
Lemons—Dozen, 20 to 30c.  
Oranges—Dozen, 40 to 50c.  
Pears—Dozen, 15 to 25c.  
Apples—Duchess, peck, 40c.  
Wheat—70 to 75c.  
Barley—35 to 40c.  
Oats—22 to 25c.  
Corn—30 to 42c.  
Fruit—California navels, \$4 to \$5; California lemons, \$5 to \$5.50; bananas, per bunch, \$1.50 to \$2.50.  
**Butter and Eggs.**  
Butter—Steady; Dairy, 23c; creamery, 22c.  
Eggs—Strictly fresh, 25c.  
**Wood.**  
Hardwood—Cord, \$5.50 to \$6.  
Slabs—Cord, \$3.75 to \$4.25.  
Mixed—\$4.50.  
**Hay.**  
Tame—\$8.50 to \$9.00.  
Wild—\$6.00.  
Straw—\$5.00 to \$5.50.  
**Flour.**  
Patent—Per barrel, \$4.80.  
Straight—Per barrel, \$4.60.  
**Mill Feed.**  
Bran—per ton—\$15.00.  
Shorts—per ton, \$16.00.  
White middlings—per ton, \$18.00.  
Red dog—per ton, \$21.00.  
**Miscellaneous.**  
Quinces—Peck, 50c.  
Cranberries—Quart, 12c.  
Rye—50 to 55c.  
Honey—Pound, 13c.  
**Vegetables.**  
Leaf lettuce—Dozen, 20c.  
Head lettuce—Dozen, 50c.  
Turnips—Bushel, 50c.  
New potatoes—Bushel, 70c.  
Celery—Dozen, 20c.  
Beets—Peck, 15c.  
Cabbage—Dozen, 60c.  
Dry onions—Peck, 25c.  
Parsnips—Bushel, 75c.

## Do You Want the Name and Address

of the man who should be working for you?  
of the man who would gladly lend you money?  
of the man who would like to rent your house?  
of the man who would like to buy your horse?  
of the man who would buy an interest in your business?  
of the man who would buy that lot of ground?  
of the man who would buy your old bicycle?

The WANT ADS. furnish you with names and addresses of people who are "necessary to your prosperity."

Onions—Bushel, \$5.00.  
Beets—Bushel, 60c.  
Carrots—Bushel, 60c.  
Spinach—Peck, 15c.  
Pie plant—Bunch, 3c.  
Wax Beans—8c.  
Cucumbers—Bushel, 80c.

Summer squash—Dozen, 25c.  
Bermuda Onions—Pound, 8c.  
Cheese—Cream twins, 13½ to 14;  
brick cheese, 12 to 12½; full cream  
limburger, 11½ to 12; long horn, 13½  
to 14c; Young America, 13½ to 14c;  
German hand, per box, 90c; plain

hand, per box, 20c; Swiss, 14 to 15c.  
Sweet potatoes—Pound, 5c.  
Pumpkins—Each, 5 to 8c.  
Hubbard squash—Each, 8 to 10c.  
Cauliflower—Bunch, 15c.  
Dr. W. Powell, diseases of women.

"Whilst the mind is in a state of uncertainty, the smallest impulse will direct it to either side." With the shopper the ad. that is a little better than the others acts as this "smallest impulse," and decides as to which of the stores she shall visit.

"THINGS NOT APPARENT ARE CONSIDERED AS NON-EXISTENT."—Maxim of Latin Law.

## The "Light" of a Store "Hidden Under a Bushel" Ceases to be a Light At All

Publicity, which is the light of a store, should not be snuffed out now and then. Some merchants think that to keep this light always burning costs too much—but, for that matter, so do many other things cost too much.

For example: Your store rent is too high--when your business is poor; you have too many clerks--for a dull day. Yet these things don't worry you for a moment when things are moving, everybody busy or overworked--especially your cashiers--and when you wish you had more room, more clerks, more stock.

Of course you never had one of those busy days that was not the result of aggressive advertising. And you never had a blue trade day that did not follow a practical hiding of the publicity light.

"ENTERPRISE IN SPOTS" yields, at best, only spots of prosperity. A steady "store light" of increasing candle power--inches of space used daily--with the "snuffers" and the "bushels" sent to the cellar--and store growth and expansion will come in a measure that will amaze you.

"Out of sight, out of mind," sums up the plight of the occasional advertiser.

## Our Business Is Continually INCREASING

and we are gaining considerable comment upon the quality of our work.

## HAVE US DO YOURS

North Side Laundry.

728 Mill Street. Both Phones 176.

OUR MOTTO:  
NORTH SIDE FOR  
NORTH SIDERS.

SOUTH SIDE AGENCY.  
Frank Culver's Barber  
Shop, 227 Main Street.

## We Know

You Will Like Our

## Nebuer Ginger Ale

One trial will convince you that IT EXCELS in flavor and refreshing qualities. Order some today.

Call Us Up By Phone  
Old or New.

North Side Bottling  
Works

901-923 Rose Street.







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## A RESIGNATION AND A RESOLUTION.

It is true that "coming events cast their shadows before them," but while we all see the shadows we sometimes are unable to decipher their meaning as true Josephs should read the handwriting on the wall. And so, while there is a modicum of logic in a true forecast, there is an element of chance that robs accurate prophesy of the right to be regarded as more than a good guess. Therefore, when the truly discerning "we" of the Tribune guesses right, he admits the guesswork and contents himself with calling it a GOOD guess.

Tuesday night the Tribune deplored the fact that John A. McCall, the survivor of the grafting insurance presidents, still held his "job," and suggested the propriety of Chauncy Depew resigning from the United States senate, citing as a precedent the expulsion of Montana Clark for grafting to get into the senate and urging equal reason to exclude men who got into the senate to graft.

Last night the Tribune announced the resignation of John A. McCall and the introduction of a resolution into the New York legislature requesting the resignation of Senator Depew. "Coming events cast," etc. It was up to these fellows to get out, or to "get it." One of them got out, and the other "got it."

As an aside, Rich and Rob McCurdy, father and son, Sr. and Jr. grafters of the Mutual, yesterday resigned from the directorate of that society and went to gay Par-ee, where there will probably be doing appropriate to the occasion.

And just here, and merely incident to the discussion, and with due and ample apology to those whose superior intelligence enables them to knowingly poo-hoo, that confounded man, "Tom" Lawson, who shocked us all a year ago by breathing adverse criticism of John A. McCall—that same "Tom" Lawson is still four-flushing around trying to create a sensation for his own pecuniary interest. O, shame on the people who in the face of naked facts still say it—unless the particular people in question are of the ranks of Franzied Finance!

## STRANGE PHENOMENON IN HOLLOW HILL

Near the Wisconsin State Home for Dependent Children at Sparta there is a hill known as Hollow hill, which is one of the marvels of the surrounding country, said C. W. Stewart of Oshkosh. "It is a rolling hill, shaped like a large cone with a rounded top, and is more than 100 feet high. Its name is derived from the fact that the ground, when stamped upon, gives out a rumbling like that of an enormous kettle struck with a padded weight. Every tourist who visits Sparta is taken to this hill and allowed to stamp upon the ground at the summit. The sound produced gives one an eerie feeling, with a suspicion that the ground is about to cave in beneath him. While I have never heard a positive explanation of the phenomenon, I have been told that the hollow is probably a large air space in an enormous bed of rock. It is supposed to have resulted from the imprisonment of air

or gas in a bubble of hot lava which as the earth cooled formed into rock. There is said to be no danger of the gases ever bursting through their rocky prison and the hill is constantly crowded with sight seers."

## JAIL LOCKS ARE ALL DESTROYED

MARINETTE, Wis., Jan. 4.—Joseph Noel, charged with highway robbery, who broke out of the Oconto jail, was brought here yesterday and lodged in the Marinette county jail for safekeeping.

Since Noel's incarceration in the Oconto county jail the locks at that institution had been tampered with, and the turnkey found it impossible to lock any of the doors which are intended to confine the prisoners. Even the combination lock of the cage was in such condition that it was impossible to lock the door.

Whitewater—Because the pastor of the German Lutheran church disapproves of the use of the flag in the church, thirty members will withdraw.

## A Poem for Today

ALEXANDER SELKIRK  
By William Cowper



WILLIAM COWPER was born in Hertfordshire, England, Nov. 15, 1731, and died in Norfolk, England, April 25, 1800. Among the best of his works, which are marked by originality, warmth of heart and piety, are "The Task," "Alexander Selkirk," "Lines on His Mother's Portrait" and a number of hymns. Alexander Selkirk, a shipwrecked mariner, is supposed to have been the original of De Foe's Robinson Crusoe.

I AM monarch of all I survey;  
My right there is none to dispute;  
From the center all round to the sea,  
I am lord of the fowl and the brute.  
Oh, solitude, where are the charms  
That sages have seen in thy face?  
Better dwell in the midst of alarms  
Than reign in this horrible place.  
I am out of humanity's reach;  
Never finish my journey alone;  
Never hear the sweet music of speech—  
I start at the sound of my own.  
The beasts that roam over the plain  
My form with indifference see;  
They are so unacquainted with men  
Their tameness is shocking to me.  
Society, friendship and love  
Divinely bestowed upon man!  
Oh, had I the wings of a dove,  
How soon would I taste you again!  
My sorrows I then might assuage  
In the ways of religion and truth;  
Might learn from the wisdom of age  
And be cheered by the sallies of youth.  
Religion! What treasure untold  
Resides in that heavenly word!  
More precious than silver and gold  
Or all that this earth can afford.

But the sound of the churchgoing bell  
These valleys and rocks never heard;  
Never sighed at the sound of a knell  
Or smiled when a Sabbath appeared.  
Ye winds that have made me your sport  
Convey to this desolate shore  
Some cordial, endearing report  
Of a land I shall visit no more.  
My friends, do they now and then send  
A wish or a thought after me?  
Oh, tell me I yet have a friend,  
Though a friend I am never to see!  
How fleet is the glance of a mind!  
Compared with the speed of its flight  
The tempest itself lags behind  
And the swift winged arrows of light.  
When I think of my own native land,  
In a moment I seem to be there,  
But, alas, recollection at hand  
Soon hurries me back to despair!  
But the sea fowl is gone to her nest;  
The beast is laid down in his lair;  
Even here is a season of rest,  
And I to my cabin repair.  
There's mercy in every place,  
And mercy, encouraging thought,  
Gives even affliction a grace  
And reconciles man to his lot.

## JUST LIFE

There have been no less than a half dozen libel suits for sums aggregating the wealth of Rockefeller, started against the Milwaukee Free Press by Oomph! Oomph! Pfister and his henchmen. But the Free Press still lives. Ain't it pfunny.

We opine there will be some real live news from Washington presently, if Col. Hannan accompanies Bob to the capital.

A "humorist" who cops his ideas from the Record-Herald's column of humor, certainly deserves great praise for his originality.

### Pneumonia.

Says a country exchange: "A dozen boiled onions will cure any case of pneumonia."

Depew asks "Why should I resign?" Probably he was thinking of Platt and some of the others.

There is no more reason why Depew should resign, than why a skunk should be shot on sight.

Now if this storm had come in November and La Follette had been out in it, perhaps the Sentinel would have found reason for rejoicing.

A New York pedagogue saved a half million dollars in 50 years on a salary of from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per year. Figure it up and you've got a Standard Oil profit mystery.

Carnegie has started in to fill his own libraries—writing his autobiography.

A wireless board of trade banquet would be more appreciated in early January than in February.

—W. V. K.

## NOT TO OPEN SOME STREETS

Alderman Keller has called a meeting of the committee on streets and alleys for Friday night to consider the report of the street opening commission, recently submitted.

The report assesses the value of lands to be acquired by the city in opening the streets and forms the basis of the report of the committee on streets and alleys as to what streets to open and what to lay over. A member of the committee said this morning that at least one street in the southern part of the city would not be opened on account of high prices being demanded for land, and other propositions may also be rejected.

## ANTON SCHAEFER, PIONEER, DEAD

Anton Schaefer, an old resident of the city, died last night at his home on Tenth and La Crosse streets, after an illness of several months, aged 86 years.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Joseph's cathedral and interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

## PRESIDENT WILL NOT LET SHONTS QUIT HIS OFFICE

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Rumors say Shonts is dissatisfied with criticism and wants to resign. The president insists he will remain.

## POSTPONEMENT

Owing to the inclement weather the public installation of officers of the Knights of the Macabees which was to have been held last evening, was postponed to Wednesday night, Jan. 17th, at which time a musical program and social hop will be given. All are cordially invited, especially both hives L. O. T. M.

FOR SALE—House lot; fine location; furniture, A. B. Chase organ, 16 shares in local factory. Will be sold cheap. Call or write Mrs. Larson, 1326 Bertha street.

## COLD FEET

BRING ON COLDS.

Keep a bottle of

## Mentho Malt Cough Cure.

In the house and take a dose on first indication of cold coming on. A sure preventative and certain cure.

25 Cents.

Erhart's Red Cross Drug Store.

## LA CROSSE HAS BUT FIVE GIRLS AT SCHOOL

Inmates from La Crosse county of the Good Shepherd Industrial school in Milwaukee are greatly reduced in number, there being the smallest attendance from here in years.

Quarterly bills for wayward girls from this county confined there received today by the county clerk show that only five girls of minor age whose homes are in La Crosse, are now in the institution.

They are Amanda Johnson, Inez Pierce, Francis J. Burdette, Sadie Dean and Lillian Gilbertson. Their keep costs the county two dollars per week each, or \$26 per quarter. Checks are mailed by the county clerk at the end of each quarter upon receipt of bills from the home.

La Crosse county has other wayward girls confined in the state industrial school, the place of their incarceration being optional with the county judge who sentences them.

## INTERCHANGEABLE EXCESS BAGGAGE BOOKS UP

The issuance of interchangeable excess baggage books is one of the main propositions to come up for consideration at the meeting of the Western Passenger association, being held today in Chicago. It is proposed that an excess baggage book issued by one road shall be accepted by all roads belonging to the association.

Should the scheme be adopted, it is believed it will prove a great benefit to the traveling public. By purchasing one of these interchangeable books the traveling man will save time and trouble expended in getting individual books from all roads over which he travels. The present system is to procure a book containing 250 coupons, each representing a value of 5 cents, or an aggregate of \$12.50. The books are sold at \$10.

The question of changing the price of the coupons is not involved in the above proposition, but the limitation baggage liability will come up as another consideration. Although it is printed on every ticket that the railroads shall not be liable for more than \$100 on trunks, they often are called upon to make settlements for bigger losses. When the matter is brought up in court the railroads are compelled to pay for what the traveler can prove his losses are. The new scheme is to allow the passenger to give an estimate of the baggage he bestows in the care of the railroads and pay for its transportation accordingly.

Homeseekers' excursions to western points for the coming year will also come up for consideration.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and Friday; colder tonight.  
Highest temperature in 24 hours 34; lowest 28.



Seesaw, sacradown,  
It's only ten miles to Edinboro town.

—Youth's Companion.

## The Magic Candles

Here is a parlor magic trick which never fails to capture an audience and which, at the same time, is so simple that any one can do it. You need six or more candles and as many candlesticks, or you can get along without the candlesticks by holding a lighted match to the bottom of each of the candles, and then, when it has softened ever so lightly, setting the candle firmly in its saucer. The wax or tallow will harden in a moment, holding the candle erect in its place.

Make a hole in one side of each candle, cutting clear through until the wick is severed. These holes must be at various distances from the top—different in each candle.

Now, if you should light one of these candles it would burn steadily until the flame got down to the hole, when the cut in the wick would cause the candle to go out. If you should light them all together they would go out at different times, as the holes are at different places. This is where your trick comes in.

Place your candles in a row on a table, with the holes away from your audience, and then light all six. Now you begin to relate a story about a little girl who was alone in the house and was afraid of the dark and who lighted six candles to keep up her courage. She heard queer noises about the house and drew close to the light, and then (pointing to the candle with the hole nearest the top) the first candle went out. Of course you time your words, so that you say "out" just before the flame reaches the hole. As you reach the second point in your tale the second candle goes out, and so on throughout the rest of the six. You may have the holes vary but a fraction of an inch in their distances from the top of the candle and tell a very short story, or you may have your tale a long one, with the distances of the holes from the top to vary an inch or so. By first lighting one candle and watching it burn for a few minutes you can tell almost exactly how long the flame will take to reach a given point.

If you do not have the candles go out in given rotation, but skip around from the first to the fifth, then to the second, to the sixth, the fourth and third, you can still further mystify your audience, and if your story be well told the effect will be very pretty indeed.

### A Trick With Cards.

Here is a card trick that any bright boy can perform, and a little practice will make him so skillful that no one can detect it. Hold out the pack face downward and ask some one to draw out four cards. Then ask him to look at them and to think of one of the four. Of course he must not tell you what card he thought of.

When he hands the four cards back to you, you must put two of them at the top, but you must do this so dextrously and neatly that it will not be noticed. Here is where your practice will be needed.

Now, in handling the pack, withdraw four cards of any sort, no matter what they may be, and place them under the two cards that you have put at the bottom of the pack. Then, taking six cards from the bottom, spread them out on the table and ask the person if the card he thought of is among them.

If he says no, you are sure that it is one of the two that you put on top. You then pass those two cards to the bottom, and, withdrawing one of them, you lay it on the table, asking him if that is his card.

If he says no again, take up the card, put it on top of the pack and then, extending the pack toward him, tell him to draw his card from the bottom, and his card is sure to be there.

If when you lay down the six cards he says that his card is among them, you take up the four cards that you have put on the bottom of the pack and put them on top, putting the other two at the bottom. Lay one of these on the table, and if he says it is not his ask him to draw his from the bottom of the pack, as in the other case.

### To Burn Iron in a Candle.

Take any piece of old iron, a piece of wire or a nail, and scrape it with a knife above a candle flame. The thinnest bits of the iron are thus scraped off, which the naked eye cannot see, but they fall into the flame and take fire and burn with beautiful sparks.

This is a harmless experiment, but it should nevertheless be made over a piece of tin or something that would not be harmed by the heat or a spark.

### Rhyming Riddle.

Pray, what is that which I've been told  
(Though never told in rhyme)  
That is almost itself as old  
As Adam or as time?  
For it's been made in early days,  
As many folks have said,  
And yet it's subject to decay  
And even now is made.  
But, as it is a secret deep,  
Yet I tell may choose;  
It is what no one likes to keep  
And no one likes to lose.  
(Answer—A bed.)

## SAVINGS DEPOSITS

Made during December and up to January 5th, draw interest from January 1st. Open an account NOW with the OLDEST and STRONGEST Bank in La Crosse.

BATAVIAN NATIONAL BANK.  
Capital and Surplus \$500,000.

## Save Your Money

And get 3 Per Cent Interest on it in our

Savings Department.

What you save you make and the new year is a good time to begin.

National Bank of La Crosse, 114 N. Fourth Street.

United States Depository

3% Interest  
On Savings credited semi-annually.  
Deposits made prior to the 5th draw interest from 1st of each month.  
\$1 starts an account.  
The State Bank of La Crosse, La Crosse, Wisconsin.  
Capital and Surplus \$100,000.

## FOR SALE

Billiard Hall and Cigar Store.

On account of ill health I am forced to sell out my business, 601 Main St., at once. A live business for a live man. Come and see me—investigate and you will buy.

ART. T. MICHAELS.

## Exchange State Bank

NORTH LA CROSSE.  
Capital..... \$25,000.00  
Surplus..... 3,000.00  
A general banking business transacted.  
OFFICERS—J. E. Wheeler, pres.; Orlando Holway, vice-pres.; Jos. P. Gohres, cashier; Robt. B. Lowry, asst. cashier. Directors—J. E. Wheeler, Orlando Holway, W. B. Tscharnier, Wm. F. Gohres, S. J. Waite.

## Ground Green Bone

Saves one-third feed. Chickens produce twice as many eggs.  
—SOLD AND MADE BY—  
LANGDON & BOYD

## La Crosse Business Directory

J. H. LIGHTBODY, REAL ESTATE.  
Farms and wild lands a specialty. City property bought, sold and rented—325 Main street. Old Telephone 756, La Crosse, Wis.

## FLATS TO RENT.

City Heat Electric Light, all modern improvements. From 20 dollars per month and up to \$55.00.  
McMillan Bldg. Room 223.

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FOR RENT—First class store building; centrally located, 114 South Third street.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping, 515 North Seventh street.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, 314 Mill street.

IF YOU NO LONGER NEED THAT HORSE TRADE HIM FOR A LOT—TAXES COST LESS THAN OATS, AND THE LONGER YOU KEEP THE LOT THE MORE IT WILL BE WORTH.

## FOR SALE.

FARM FOR SALE—My farm, located 4 miles northeast of Eleva is for sale; 96 acres with creek running through it; 25 acres under cultivation. The land is all level and free from stone; part of it heavy timber. Two story dwelling 16 by 24 wide, good cellar, good well water, stable, granary and machine sheds. Price \$13 per acre, 7 per cent discount for cash; must be sold by April 1st. Call on or address Ole Blaksley, Eleva, Wis.

FOR SALE—12 horse power engine, 7 horse power motor; nearly new. E. Kroner Hdw. Co., 116 South Third street.

FOR SALE—Hard and soft wood at a reasonable price. Orin Wilbur, 904 Avon street. Old phone, 6153.

FOR SALE—Dry second growth oak wood, \$5 per cord. Phone Black 7402. John Ambros, 400 Mill street.

FOR SALE—A wood-sawing machine, cheap; 5-horse power engine. Eugene 922 Jackson street.

FOR SALE—House for removal. Frank G. Roth.

THROUGH WANT ADVERTISING YOU MAY ALWAYS SECURE WHAT YOU NEED—USUALLY WHAT YOU WANT—AND SOMETIMES EVEN SATISFY A MERE WHIM.

## HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Must be good cook. Mrs. Watters, 14 South Fourth st.

WANTED—Competent girl for general housework. Call mornings, 515 South Fifth street.

WANTED—A competent girl for general housework at 314 South Fifteenth street.

WANTED—A competent girl in family of two; 627 State street.

## HELP WANTED—MALE.

WANTED—A competent man to take up an established tea and coffee route. Address, L. Tribune.

WANTED—Farmhand steady position for a good man. Inquire 116 N. 3rd street.

## NOTICE.

IF WHEEL left at 512 Hagar street some time ago is not called for it will be sold.

## FURNACES AND STOVES.

FURNACES AND STOVES repaired, cleaned and set up. Orders promptly attended to. Old phone, 3483.

## FINANCIAL.

MONEY TO LOAN—Diamonds, watches, etc. Stevens, 510 Main street.

LOANS made on people on furniture, pianos, horses, wagons. No removal, no publicity. LA CROSSE MORTGAGE & LOAN Co., 522 Main Street, up stairs.

## ARCHITECT.

WELLS E. BENNETT Architect Room 5, Batavia Bank Building

## JINGLES AND JESTS.

**Alas!**  
My dentist bill no more than paid  
Than that huge molar plugged with gold  
Is up and making horrid raid  
On all the nerves my mouth will hold!  
Ah, woe is me! With aches grown wild,  
Comes home to me this ancient truth:  
How sharper than a serpent's tooth  
It is to have a thankless tooth!  
—New York Herald.

**The Literary Stove.**  
"That stove," said the editor, "deserves a premium."  
"What for?"  
"Already it's consumed a ton of poetry, and the winter's just beginning."—Atlanta Constitution.

**Between Friends.**  
Miss Jellers—You're going to marry Dolph Spurling, are you? Good gracious!  
Miss Tartun—Why do you say "Good gracious!" with such a bad grace?—Chicago Tribune.

**Genius.**  
It is easy enough to be clever  
If you've learned all that lucky men say,  
But he wins in a walk  
Who can charm with his talk  
Though he hasn't a thing to say.  
—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Ought to Be Satisfied.**  
His Wife's Mother—Family quarrels are so unpleasant.  
He—Well, I don't see what you have to complain of. You generally come out ahead.—New York Press.

**Proof Positive.**  
"My wife is really sick, doctor."  
"How do you know?"  
"Why, she doesn't take any more pleasure in discharging a cook."—Lippincott's Magazine.

**Hang the Others!**  
"You're not the first that I have loved,"  
Said he, "for in the past"—  
"I care not," interrupted she,  
"If I but stay the last."  
—Baltimore News.

**Hurt His Feelings.**  
"How long has Miss Frite been in society?"  
"I beg your pardon! Do you take me for a chronicler of antiquities?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Those Gentle Girls.**  
Beryl—Has Ethel talent for any trade?  
Sibyl—Yes; upholstery. I've been noticing how artistically she pads.—New York Press.

**Out Completely.**  
"The truth will out," we're told, and, oh,  
How frequently we find  
The truth will out of some men so  
It leaves no trace behind!  
—Catholic Standard and Times.

**Ambiguous.**  
Miss de Style—Who told you, Miss Gumbusta, that disease lurks in kisses?  
Miss Gumbusta—Why, I got it from the doctor's own lips.—Lippincott's Magazine.

**A Point of Honor.**  
Chaffer—Do you ever take your auto out on Sunday?  
Goodleigh—Yes, but I make it a point never to run over anybody on that day.—Judge.

**A Poker.**  
The slip between the cup and lip  
We all can understand.  
But still more numerous are those  
Between the pot and hand.  
—New York Press.

**During the Honeymoon.**  
Young Husband—Darling, it makes me a better man every time I kiss you.  
Young Wife—Oh, George! You must be a saint by now.—Detroit Tribune.

**Stimulating.**  
"Tell me, doctor, what is platonic love?"  
"It is—well, it creates an appetite, like any other tonic."—Le Rire.

**Told in Letters.**  
Young Pillman's got a shingle out  
Proclaiming him "M. D. D."  
But from a. m. to late p. m.  
His office is M. T.  
—Philadelphia Press.

**The Scale of Prices.**  
Fresh Traveling Man—How much for your regular dinner, honey?  
Pretty Waiter Girl—Fifty cents with-out honey, 75 with.—Judge.

**The Debtor.**  
He lost his memory one day,  
But still he doesn't mind it.  
In fact, I'm told his greatest fear  
Is some day he will find it!  
—Detroit Free Press.

**Frank, Anyway.**  
Molly—I hear you've sold your brain to a physician?  
Cholly—No, there's nothing in it.—Yonkers Statesman.

**You Know Him.**  
He always calls a spade a spade;  
He's just the stupid chump  
Who will forget a spade is made  
A club when clubs are trump.  
—Philadelphia Press.

**The Reason.**  
Dyer—How is it you never married, Higbee?  
Higbee—I went to a baby show once.—Judge.

**A Disturber.**  
I'm fond of healthy chickens,  
But hate our bantam cock  
That suffers from insomnia  
Each morn at four o'clock.  
—Brooklyn Eagle.

**At Home For Once.**  
Caller—Is Mrs. Gadabout at home?  
Servant—Yes'm; she's home today, mum. She's sick abed.—New York Weekly.

**A Lonely Spot.**  
"I'm looking for a lonely spot."  
Said Jack unto his neighbor Jill  
While they were playing cards, for Jack  
Just needed one small ace to fill.  
—Yonkers Statesman.

## THINGS THEATRICAL.

"She Stoops to Conquer" is the latest classic revival at the Castle Square theater, Boston.

Red Flash, an old man now, was noted as the fastest of all Indian runners. He is in the cast of "The Flaming Arrow."

"Friday, the Thirteenth," is the title of a musical comedy in which Josephine Cohan has made her reappearance in vaudeville.

Henry Taylor, the tenor, last seen in "The Sho-Gun," will create the role of Jack Bannister in the new rural opera, "Cloverdell."

Edward P. Sullivan, the toymaker in "Babes In Toyland," is a graduate of McGill college in Montreal and an adept in Greek and Latin.

Gertrude Coghlan is leading woman for Arnold Daly this season, playing Gloria Candon in Bernard Shaw's "You Never Can Tell."

Martha Morton, the author of many of William H. Crane's successes, is writing a play for Mabel Arbury, with a southern senator as the principal character.

## LIFE INSURANCE.

You may feel more cheerful about paying your insurance premium if you will reflect how many people are watching those insurance men just now.—Indianapolis News.

Inquiry into insurance methods, which is now being given such wide publicity, may result in bringing about great improvements by awakening the people to the extravagance which present systems indulge in.—San Francisco Call.

There is not much disposition to deny that insurance is an excellent institution; but, like most things of human devising, it is still imperfect. Two kinds of insurance have lately become prominent, that which did not bring in enough money to pay for itself and that of which the profits were out of all due proportion. A happy medium may soon be reasonably looked for.—Washington Star.

## TRAIN AND TRACK.

The Denver and Rio Grande will place ticket collectors on its passenger trains.

The Canadian Northern will begin building in the spring on a new line that will connect Port Arthur with Montreal and be a link in that system's proposed transcontinental.

It seems probable that the Santa Fe is going into New Orleans, as all arrangements have been made for terminals there. The property has been bought in the name of agents of the Santa Fe.

More than 3,000 feet of the tunnel now being constructed under the North river by the New York and New Jersey Railway company have already been dug. The management promised that cars would be running through from Jersey City to Broadway and Twenty-third street by January, 1907.

## DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. Ivy Ashton Root, a niece of Secretary of War Root, has written a play called "Mozart," around the life of the famous composer.

Miss Margaret Brown, for many years a school principal, was elected county superintendent of Hall county, Neb., at the recent election by a majority of 800.

Mrs. Thryza Beckwith Gray, who won distinction as a writer of verse, died recently at the age of 102 at Oswego, N. Y. Much of her published work was accomplished after she reached the century mark.

Mrs. Edward L. Gaylord of Chicago has given 100 acres of land on which she will equip and maintain the most complete tuberculosis camp in the country. It will be under the care of the Visiting Nurses' association of Chicago.

The most skillful woman bridge player in England is Miss Jane Thorne, a sister of Lady Burton. Consequently she is asked to every house party which includes the king as a guest and invariably plays as his partner by royal command.

Miss Edith A. Smith of Salt Lake City has been granted a patent for a button that can be securely fastened on a garment without sewing. The button is said to be washable and, better yet, unbreakable and is particularly adapted for underclothing and wash material.

Mrs. Mary Collins, who has been a missionary among the Indians of Standing Rock, N. D., for thirty years, has been elected by the whole tribe of Standing Rock agency to be "the next friend." She acts for the Indians in many political and legal relations and also at councils.

## LAW POINTS.

A note containing no name of a payee nor space to insert it is held in Smith versus Willing (Wis.), 68 L. R. A. 940, not to be negotiable.

The right of plaintiff in a suit to enjoin the maintenance of a nuisance and for damages to have the question as to the existence of the nuisance and the amount of damages tried by a jury is declared in Chessman versus Hale (Mont.), 68 L. R. A. 410.

A sale of goods to be delivered "f. o. b. cars" is held in Vest versus Shienbeck (Wis.), 67 L. R. A. 756, to impose on the seller the duty of procuring the cars to carry out the contract in the absence of clear and satisfactory evidence of a custom to the contrary known to both parties to the transaction at the time of making the contract.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out the above and mail to THE TRIBUNE office. You will be surprised and pleased at the immense good this great publication will be to you. Tell your neighbors and friends who do not take THE TRIBUNE about it.

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## Railroad Time Table

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Chicago, Milwaukee and the East	8:05 a.m. 12:40 p.m. 11:10 p.m.	8:10 a.m. 7:05 p.m. 10:55 p.m.
Winona, St. Paul & Minneapolis	8:20 a.m. 7:15 a.m. 11:05 a.m. 5:40 p.m.	8:30 a.m. 12:35 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 11:05 p.m. 12:20 p.m.

Dubuque, Rock Island Omaha and West	12:01 p.m. 3:50 p.m.	11:30 a.m. 4:55 p.m.
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Southern Minnesota Division	10:40 a.m. 7:20 p.m.	11:20 a.m. 8:45 p.m.
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: Daily; a, daily except Sunday; c, daily except Saturday.

## CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY

In Effect July 16th, 1905

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
For Prairie du Chien, Dubuque, Chicago, St. Louis, intermediate pts. and connections beyond	12:15 night 12:14 noon	8:30 a.m. 8:09 a.m.

For Winona, Alma, Prescott, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Winnipeg and Northwest	3:30 a.m. 8:09 a.m.	12:15 night 12:14 noon
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## CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN R.

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and East, Duluth and Superior	7:55 a.m. 12:35 p.m. 10:40 p.m.	8:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
Trempealeau, Galesville, Winona, Owatonna and West	5:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	7:55 a.m. 12:35 p.m. 10:40 p.m.

References: a, daily except Sunday; b, daily.

## GREEN BAY & WESTERN R.

To and From	Leave La Crosse	Arrive La Crosse
Arcadia, Blair, Independence, Whitehall, Merrillan, Grand Rapids, Stevens Point, New London, Green Bay & Kewaunee	7:55 a.m. 12:35 p.m. 10:40 p.m.	8:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

A Daily except Sunday.

## LA CROSSE & SOUTHEASTERN RAIL

To and From	Leave La Crosse	Arrive La Crosse
Stoddard, Chasaburg, Coon Valley, Westby, Viroqua	7:40 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

All Trains Daily. All trains arrive and depart from B. & Q. depot

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W. C. MODISSETT Gen. Frt. & Pass. Green Bay, Wis.

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# SAM GROSSBERG TALKS ON TOBACCO TAXES AND NAMES

"Tobacco manufacturers throughout the country are interested in a new proposition which the government has put forward and which on the face appears innocent enough," said Samuel Grossberg of La Crosse at Milwaukee. "The government wants to tax stemmed tobacco, the plea being that the grower would be benefited by selling his product, stems and leaf, to the manufacturer. At present the grower separates the stem from the tobacco which cuts down the weight of the tobacco, but as the manufacturer has no use for the stems I do not see where there is any harm done. Tobacco manufacturers are put to much surveillance by the government. While it is true that only tobacco turned out for sale is stamped, still the internal revenue officers must be kept informed of every pound of raw material that enters the factory and by a system all their own they are able to tell just how much of the manufactured product must be accounted for out of a given quantity of raw tobacco. If the stems are to be offered to the manufacturer the weight of the raw product would be increased but the grower would receive proportionately less money for his product so that in the end he would not profit anything by the apparent liberality of the government.

"It would almost appear as if we were on the eve of a revolution in names for tobacco brands. It is no longer uncommon for cigars to be named after leading actors and singers. Recently a large tobacco firm up my way has taken the name of a comic opera 'The Red Feather' for a trademark for its smoking tobacco. I suppose it will find imitators now that the way has been paved."

## FIGHT FOR RESTORATION OF ARMY CANTEEN IS STRONG

(Special Tribune Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The official statement in the House by Representative Morrell, of Pennsylvania, that every general in the United States Army, with the exception of two; every colonel of cavalry, infantry and artillery, with one exception, and 504 out of 516 commanders of military posts have unhesitatingly and strongly recommended the restoration of the canteen in the army, and the privilege of

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## GEHRING HEADS 8TH WARD AID SOCIETY

Officers were elected by Eighth Ward Aid society as follows:  
President—John Gehring.  
Vice president—Oscar Doering.  
Recording secretary—C. F. Lang.  
Financial secretary—L. A. Weisbecker.  
Treasurer—C. A. Olberg.  
Collector—Joseph Houska.  
Property man—William Echwart.  
Banner bearer—A. Affel.  
Trustee for three years—George Holzhammer.  
Auditing committee—George Falk, Clem Schaller, George Will.

## TSCHARNER TAKES REJECTED PLACE

Postmaster W. B. Tscharnier was last night elected a director in the Mexican Plantation company to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of W. W. Holcomb to serve on the board. Mr. Holcomb was elected a month ago but has found it impossible to serve. Affairs at the plantation are said to be in good shape now, financial difficulties having been cleared up and with prospects of a good crop the future of the company looks brighter.

## Ray Heads Church Officers

George H. Ray has been elected president of the Congregational church society for the ensuing year. The entire list of officers is as follows:

The officers of the church are:  
Deacons—George E. Mariner, A. H. Mitchell, E. D. Loomis, John James, G. R. Montague and Abram James.  
Deaconesses—Mrs. L. Elwell and E. D. Loomis.  
Clerk—George H. Ray.  
Treasurer—John M. Holley, Jr.  
Church Sunday school elections are as follows:  
Supt.—John M. Holley, Sr.  
Asst. Supt.—J. H. Lightbody.  
Primary department:  
Supt.—Mrs. J. H. Lightbody.  
Home department—Mrs. T. B. Lawrence.  
Bethany chapel Sunday school:  
Supt.—E. D. Loomis.  
Asst. Supt.—John James.  
Lutherans Name Zeisler.

The annual election of the German Lutheran church was held New Year's afternoon in the church parlors. The officers elected for the ensuing year follows:  
President—George Zeisler.  
Secretary—Frank Weltrowske.  
Treasurer—Robert Albrecht.  
Trustees—George Zeisler, Frank Weltrowske and Fred Techner.

H. A. Hanover of this city is in Milwaukee on business.

### CHILDREN POISONED.

Many children are poisoned and made nervous and weak if not killed outright by mothers giving them cough syrups containing opiates. Foley's Honey and Tar is a safe and certain remedy for coughs, croup and lung trouble, and is the only prominent cough medicine that contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by J. A. Erhart & Son.

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## THAWS DYNAMITE; ONE DEAD; FAMILY HURT

MARINETTE, Wis., Jan. 4.—By an explosion of ten sticks of dynamite in the home of A. W. Schroeder in Grover, west of Peshtigo, at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, Gertrude, 2-year-old daughter, was killed and Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder were seriously injured.

The dynamite, weighing 6 pounds, was frozen and was put under the kitchen stove to thaw out, when it exploded.

The members of the family were near the stove and the fragments caused awful havoc, breaking two bones in Schroeder's head, injuring his hands and injuring Mrs. Schroeder. The child was terribly mangled. The house was almost destroyed and caught fire, but this was put out by neighbors.

## MAKES HENS LAY ALL WINTER

SUPERIOR, Wis., Jan. 4.—That hens will lay in the winter under proper conditions is the contention of O. Douglas county farmers. Ole Lundin, South Range, recently built a henhouse which combines the elements of proper ventilation, warmth and light and his hens are laying now so that he expects to clear the price of the henhouse, \$400, this winter. Mr. Lundin's house is built with a double wall with plenty of air space between.

Noak La Voy of Solon Springs has built a house inside of a house. Between the outside and the inside or laying room are corridors which are partly filled with dirt in which the hens may scratch and get exercise. Mr. La Voy's hens are all laying as if it was summer.

### THE SKOVGAARD CONCERT.

At the theatre the New Year was ushered in by two concerts of the Skovgaard Concert company in the afternoon and evening. The company consists of Mr. Axel Skovgaard, violinist; Mrs. Eleonora Olson, contralto; Miss Christine Nilson, pianist, and Miss Ethel Olson, reader. The Normanna Saengerkor of this city assisted in the concerts and their singing was truly delightful. There was a magnificent ensemble, the voices

## STAGE AMUSEMENTS

Two of the most popular players visiting this city are Tim Murphy and Dorothy Sherrod, who each season offer us something that is particularly interesting and entertaining. These artists are to be at the La Crosse theatre on Friday, Jan. 5, when they will be seen in a fine presentation of "A Texas Steer," the comedy that Tim Murphy made world renowned by his inimitable characterization of Maverick Brander.

Seventy-five per cent. of the so-called comedies are failures or unsatisfactory to the average audience because of their "absolute absurdity" and rapid attempts to create a laugh. "The Marriage of Kitty" has become notable through its perfectly legitimate

blending finely and the singers followed the intentions of their excellent director with intelligence and precision.

Mrs. Eleonora Olson has a voice of considerable range and her songs were much applauded. Miss Christine Nilson is a good pianist and accompanist. The upright piano, however, is not a suitable instrument for piano solo playing in a hall, the tone not possessing the necessary resonance and carrying power.

Truly superb were the recitations by Miss Ethel Olson. The young lady enters into her work with a vivacity that is really charming and the great applause given to her efforts was well merited.

Mr. Axel Skovgaard, whose name the company bears, is of course the central figure. He is a violinist whose playing is thoroughly enjoyable. He has a fluent technique, a full round tone and much temperament. In his selections he endeavored to please the general public and this endeavor must be commended, for in a community like ours it is perfectly absurd to try to entertain an audience with violin or piano solos which are severely classic and therefore cannot be appreciated by the greatest part of an audience. That Mr. Skovgaard is well versed in matters which pertain to a high standard of violin compositions he showed in his splendid performance of Corelli's "La Folia," and the "Andante" and "Finale of the Mendelssohn Concerto." Corelli's masterpiece he played with that fine restraint which the violin music of the seventeenth century demands and in the difficult cadenza at the close the violinist showed his masterly technical and musical equipment. The andante of the concerto Mr. Skovgaard played with great purity of tone and fine expression. The finale he gave with great speed, without, however, marring the distinctness of the passage. Mr. Skovgaard's playing made a hit with all who had the good fortune to hear it and if this talented violinist ever comes to our city again, he may be sure of a hearty welcome. —I. T.

### Wisconsin Deaths

Beaver Dam—Geo. W. Congdon, a pioneer resident died at the Soldiers' home, Waupaca, aged 71.

Plainfield—Henry McCallin, aged 79 years; Andrew Cincizki, aged 57 years.

Baraboo—Mrs. A. G. Buckley, wife of former Mayor Buckley, aged 45 years.

Waukesha—Mrs. Bridget McMahon, aged 78 years.

Boscobel—George W. Woods, aged 55 years.

Whitewater—Mrs. H. J. Birge, aged 85.

Very Low Rates to Denver, Colo. Via the Northwestern Line. Excursion tickets will be sold on Jan. 27, 28 and 29, limited to return until Feb. 15th, inclusive, on account of Wool Growers and Live Stock Association Meetings. Apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

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